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***** BEEF GRADING HISTORICAL RECORDS *****

(MILLION POUNDS)



CY YEAR	TOTAL POUNDS														% of FEDERAL		Y1	%	Y2	%	Y3	%	Y4	%	Y5	%
	GRADED	PRIME	%	CHOICE	%	SELECT	%	STANDARD	%	COMMERCIAL	%	UTILITY	%	CUTTER	%	CANNER										
1930	69		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	1.2%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1931	159		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	2.7%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1932	208		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	3.8%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1933	238		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	3.9%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1934	262		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	3.3%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1935	268		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	4.2%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1936	450		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	6.3%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1937	408		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	6.2%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1938	598	27	4.5%	283	47.3%	187	31.3%		0.0%	54	9.0%	34	5.7%	11	1.8%	2	0.3%	9.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1939	509	10	2.0%	232	45.6%	176	34.6%		0.0%	55	10.8%	29	5.7%	6	1.2%	1	0.2%	7.5%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1940	579	12	2.1%	230	39.7%	234	40.4%		0.0%	69	11.9%	25	4.3%	7	1.2%	2	0.3%	8.3%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1941	789	13	1.6%	308	39.0%	344	43.6%		0.0%	86	10.9%	26	3.3%	9	1.1%	3	0.4%	10.1%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1942	1,478		0.0%	439	29.7%	560	37.9%		0.0%	284	19.2%	173	11.7%	15	1.0%	7	0.5%	17.3%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1943	6,691		0.0%	1,297	19.4%	2,081	31.1%		0.0%	1,544	23.1%	984	14.7%	785	11.7%		0.0%	80.8%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1944	8,328		0.0%	865	10.4%	2,329	28.0%		0.0%	2,104	25.3%	1,560	18.7%	1,470	17.7%		0.0%	94.9%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1945	9,067		0.0%	1,258	13.9%	2,791	30.8%		0.0%	2,421	26.7%	1,506	16.6%	1,091	12.0%		0.0%	92.4%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1946	6,681		0.0%	1,049	15.7%	2,512	37.6%		0.0%	1,710	25.6%	869	13.0%	541	8.1%		0.0%	76.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1947	2,932	6	0.2%	305	10.4%	1,536	52.4%		0.0%	695	23.7%	252	8.6%	138	4.7%		0.0%	29.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1948	2,022		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	23.1%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1949	2,280		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	24.9%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1950	2,262		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	24.5%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1951	6,250		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	73.1%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1952	8,784		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	94.1%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1953	6,529		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	54.2%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1954	5,708		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	45.3%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1955	6,050		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	45.8%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1956	6,989	401	5.7%	3,994	57.1%	1,843	26.4%	153	2.2%	249	3.6%	300	4.3%	39	0.6%	10	0.1%	49.6%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1957	6,943	366	5.3%	4,097	59.0%	1,883	27.1%	263	3.8%	115	1.7%	174	2.5%	37	0.5%	8	0.1%	50.1%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1958	6,449	231	3.6%	3,998	62.0%	1,847	28.6%	190	2.9%	72	1.1%	77	1.2%	29	0.4%	5	0.1%	49.6%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1959	6,728	191	2.8%	4,445	66.1%	1,776	26.4%	170	2.5%	55	0.8%	77	1.1%	12	0.2%	2	0.0%	50.8%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1960	7,058	199	2.8%	4,660	66.0%	1,773	25.1%	199	2.8%	57	0.8%	156	2.2%	12	0.2%	2	0.0%	49.1%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1961	7,439	260	3.5%	5,149	69.2%	1,590	21.4%	202	2.7%	45	0.6%	145	1.9%	45	0.6%	3	0.0%	49.8%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1962	7,400	243	3.3%	5,135	69.4%	1,620	21.9%	192	2.6%	55	0.7%	125	1.7%	28	0.4%	2	0.0%	49.6%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1963	8,312	306	3.7%	6,040	72.7%	1,616	19.4%	170	2.0%	37	0.4%	120	1.4%	21	0.3%	2	0.0%	51.8%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1964	10,053	439	4.4%	7,215	71.8%	1,756	17.5%	204	2.0%	38	0.4%	184	1.8%	214	2.1%	3	0.0%	55.7%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1965	10,295	611	5.9%	7,577	73.6%	1,593	15.5%	188	1.8%	57	0.6%	195	1.9%	73	0.7%	1	0.0%	58.1%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1966	12,037	770	6.4%	9,158	76.1%	1,742	14.5%	125	1.0%	50	0.4%	150	1.2%	42	0.3%	0	0.0%	61.8%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
1967	12,729	919	7.2%	9,774	76.8%	1,758	13.8%	93	0.7%	35	0.3%	125	1.0%	25	0.2%	0	0.0%	63.7%	10	0.9%	403	35.4%	706	62.0%	19	1.7%
1968	13,081	889	6.8%	10,181	77.8%	1,717	13.1%	75	0.6%	39	0.3%	165	1.3%	15	0.1%	0	0.0%	63.3%	17	0.7%	776	33.8%	1,467	64.0%	31	1.4%
1969	13,385	911	6.8%	10,382	77.6%	1,727	12.9%	75	0.6%	43	0.3%	222	1.7%	25	0.2%	0	0.0%	63.9%	26	1.0%	949	37.3%	1,542	60.6%	24	0.9%

1970		13,927	949	6.8%	11,082	79.6%	1,649	11.8%		54	0.4%		33	0.2%	150	1.1%	10	0.1%	0	0.0%			64.9%			35	1.0%	1,154	32.7%		2,316	65.6%		24	0.7%		2	0.1%	
1971*		13,955	847	6.1%	11,173	80.1%	1,709	12.2%		58	0.4%		21	0.2%	138	1.0%	8	0.1%	1	0.0%			64.3%		(FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE)														
1972*		13,565	801	5.9%	10,951	80.7%	1,683	12.4%		31	0.2%		11	0.1%	81	0.6%	7	0.1%	0	0.0%			61.1%			31	0.5%	1,612	26.2%		4,365	71.0%		132	2.1%		12	0.2%	
1973		12,142	745	6.1%	9,776	80.5%	1,489	12.3%		25	0.2%		15	0.1%	83	0.7%	8	0.1%	1	0.0%			57.6%			52	0.7%	1,984	27.4%		4,907	67.9%		255	3.5%		33	0.5%	
1974		12,403	779	6.3%	9,849	79.4%	1,444	11.6%		42	0.3%		38	0.3%	237	1.9%	14	0.1%	0	0.0%			54.3%			71	0.8%	2,175	25.1%		5,829	67.3%		516	6.0%		75	0.9%	
1975		10,266	528	5.1%	7,936	77.3%	1,321	12.9%		72	0.7%		39	0.4%	317	3.1%	52	0.5%	1	0.0%			43.4%			151	1.7%	2,809	31.1%		5,746	63.6%		296	3.3%		27	0.3%	
1976		13,909	1,369	9.8%	11,062	79.5%	895	6.4%		58	0.4%		85	0.6%	365	2.6%	74	0.5%	1	0.0%			54.1%			227	2.1%	2,295	20.8%		6,900	62.4%		1,426	12.9%		210	1.9%	
1977		13,990	1,194	8.5%	11,661	83.4%	722	5.2%		38	0.3%		86	0.6%	267	1.9%	22	0.2%	0	0.0%			55.9%			335	2.4%	4,306	30.9%		7,982	57.3%		1,156	8.3%		155	1.1%	
1978		13,551	826	6.1%	11,854	87.5%	643	4.7%		28	0.2%		47	0.3%	141	1.0%	12	0.1%	0	0.0%			59.5%			294	2.2%	4,120	30.4%		7,906	58.3%		1,103	8.1%		129	1.0%	
1979		11,986	730	6.1%	10,671	89.0%	490	4.1%		19	0.2%		18	0.2%	52	0.4%	5	0.0%	1	0.0%			57.6%			214	1.8%	3,470	29.0%		7,044	58.8%		1,115	9.3%		142	1.2%	
1980		12,137	722	5.9%	10,800	89.0%	516	4.3%		26	0.2%		19	0.2%	50	0.4%	3	0.0%	1	0.0%			56.8%			199	1.6%	3,502	28.9%		7,087	58.4%		1,179	9.7%		170	1.4%	
1981		12,118	624	5.1%	10,954	90.4%	431	3.6%		16	0.1%		19	0.2%	67	0.6%	6	0.0%	1	0.0%			54.6%			229	1.9%	3,671	30.3%		6,928	57.2%		1,140	9.4%		149	1.2%	
1982		(FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE)																						(FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE)															
1983		12,122	472	3.9%	11,152	92.0%	423	3.5%		13	0.1%		13	0.1%	48	0.4%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%			67.6%	54.7%			275	2.3%	4,221	34.8%		6,672	55.0%		856	7.1%		97	0.8%
1984		11,686	363	3.1%	10,829	92.7%	430	3.7%		12	0.1%		8	0.1%	43	0.4%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%			65.1%	53.3%			406	3.5%	4,923	42.1%		5,767	49.3%		550	4.7%		40	0.3%
1985		12,776	457	3.6%	11,875	92.9%	386	3.0%		11	0.1%		8	0.1%	35	0.3%	4	0.0%	0	0.0%			68.5%	57.6%			461	3.6%	5,195	40.7%		6,387	50.0%		667	5.2%		63	0.5%
1986		9,786	325	3.3%	9,155	93.6%	277	2.8%		5	0.1%		2	0.0%	20	0.2%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%			69.0%	51.5%			385	3.9%	4,066	41.7%		4,768	48.8%		497	5.1%		45	0.5%
1987		12,127	382	3.1%	11,462	94.5%	265	2.2%		2	0.0%		1	0.0%	15	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			64.3%	54.0%			447	3.7%	5,039	41.6%		5,982	49.4%		592	4.9%		52	0.4%
1988		12,567	379	3.0%	11,597	92.3%	579	4.6%		2	0.0%		0	0.0%	10	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			66.0%	56.4%			455	3.6%	5,045	40.2%		6,270	49.9%		716	5.7%		70	0.6%
1989		12,890	335	2.6%	11,105	86.2%	1,433	11.1%		1	0.0%		1	0.0%	11	0.1%	3	0.0%	1	0.0%			78.4%	66.9%			786	5.2%	6,403	42.7%		7,097	47.3%		644	4.3%		60	0.4%
1990		12,345	255	2.1%	10,172	82.4%	1,906	15.4%		0	0.0%		1	0.0%	11	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			86.7%	74.3%			1,164	7.5%	7,133	45.7%		6,799	43.5%		480	3.1%		38	0.2%
1991		12,919	289	2.2%	10,193	78.9%	2,427	18.8%		0	0.0%		1	0.0%	9	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			92.4%	79.8%			1,347	8.1%	7,363	44.0%		7,355	44.0%		611	3.7%		55	0.3%
1992		13,816	286	2.1%	10,315	74.7%	3,203	23.2%		4	0.0%		1	0.0%	7	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			95.2%	84.5%			1,566	9.1%	7,898	46.0%		7,160	41.7%		491	2.9%		39	0.2%
1993		15,572	326	2.1%	10,377	66.6%	4,846	31.1%		8	0.1%		3	0.0%	12	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			95.1%	81.3%			1,665	10.2%	7,831	48.0%		6,461	39.6%		322	2.0%		25	0.2%
1994		16,813	416	2.5%	10,895	64.8%	5,481	32.6%		2	0.0%		1	0.0%	18	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			94.3%	81.9%			1,610	9.5%	7,648	45.2%		7,160	42.3%		455	2.7%		46	0.3%
1995		18,139	433	2.4%	11,276	62.2%	6,414	35.4%		1	0.0%		1	0.0%	13	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			94.7%	82.2%			1,879	10.8%	8,174	46.9%		6,981	40.1%		354	2.0%		31	0.2%
1996		19,689	431	2.4%	10,964	60.4%	6,735	37.1%		1	0.0%		1	0.0%	7	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			95.5%	81.1%			2,230	12.8%	8,417	48.2%		6,519	37.3%		271	1.6%		23	0.1%
1997		18,614	473	2.5%	10,906	58.6%	7,228	38.8%		1	0.0%		1	0.0%	6	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%			95.4%	82.0%			2,416	13.9%	8,603	49.4%		6,160	35.4%		206	1.2%		14	0.1%
1998		19,955	662	3.3%	11,912	59.7%	7,374	37.0%		1	0.0%		1	0.0%	6	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			95.7%	83.2%			2,230	12.0%	8,926	47.8%		7,189	38.5%		290	1.6%		23	0.1%
1999		21,314	660	3.2%	11,901	58.2%	7,880	38.5%		2	0.0%		0	0.0%	5	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			95.2%	83.5%			2,231	11.5%	9,259	47.8%		7,508	38.8%		331	1.7%		25	0.1%
2000		21,689	684	3.3%	11,906	57.3%	8,199	39.4%		1	0.0%		1	0.0%	5	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			95.5%	84.0%			2,238	11.2%	9,280	46.3%		8,088	40.4%		393	2.0%		35	0.2%
2001		20,972	717	3.6%	11,503	57.1%	7,909	39.3%		1	0.0%		1	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			95.5%	83.0%			2,023	10.4%	8,651	44.6%		8,104	41.8%		538	2.8%		70	0.4%
2002		21,961	806	3.8%	12,334	58.3%	8,004	37.9%		0	0.0%		0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%			96.0%	83.8%			1,806	9.0%	8,456	41.9%		9,047	44.9%		856	3.7%		104	0.5%

* INDICATES ESTIMATED FIGURES

1/ Grade designations are those in use at time data were reported.

2/ Breakdown on volume or percentages by grade not available for 1930-37 and 1948-55

3/ During the period of 1942-46, beef that met the requirements of the Prime grade were identified as Choice, pursuant to Amendment 5, MPR 169, Office of Price Administration.

4/ Quality grades Cutter & Canner were combined from 1943 to 1947.

5/ Total includes beef officially graded for the Commodity Credit Corporation (Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation prior to April 3, 1944)

1942 - 6.7 million lbs.
1943 - 18.5 " "
1944 - 28.1 " "
1945 - 109.3 " "
1946 - 168.6 " "

6/ Pounds designated as "0" are .5 million or less.

7/ Yield grade figures prior to 1967 are not available.

8/ Quality and Yield Grades were coupled in February, 1976.

9/ Grade name change November, 1987. The grade name of Good was changed to Select. Figures from 1930 through 1987 reference Good. Figures from 1988 to present reference Select.

10/ Quality and Yield Grades were uncoupled in August, 1989.